

As a native of his beloved Midland City, I stand today with all the people of that south Dale County town in remembering and celebrating the life of one of the finest people I've ever known. Joe Bob Parker was special to us and he will be missed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2000

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, on May 23, 2000, I attended the funeral for the brother of Representative ANTHONY WEINER and was therefore unable to cast votes on rollcalls 214 through 223. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: "Yea" on rollcall 214; "yea" on rollcall 215; "yea" on rollcall 216; "yea" on rollcall 217; "yea" on rollcall 218; "yea" on rollcall 219; "yea" on rollcall 220; "yea" on rollcall 221; "yea" on rollcall 222; "yea" on rollcall 223.

HONORING THE UNITED HOCKEY LEAGUE CHAMPION FLINT GENERALS

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2000

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate the Flint Generals of the United Hockey League, who on May 17, defeated the Quad City Mallards in the UHL Colonial Cup Championship series. The game was truly an exciting battle, which the Generals won 5-4.

The Generals are a great example of what hard work, determination, and a passionate desire to win can accomplish. The Generals celebrated a stellar regular season with a record of 51-14-9, and 111 points. This not only earned them the Central Division Championship, but they tied a league record for most points by a team in the regular season.

The Generals went on to score decisive victories in the postseason, defeating the Madison Kodiaks, the Muskegon Fury, and ultimately, a strong and skilled Mallard team.

The Generals are the third team to bring a professional hockey championship to my hometown of Flint, Michigan. They are another testament to the rich sports history that exists throughout the state of Michigan. Their accomplishments shine bright in the eyes of the people of Flint. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the 106th Congress to join me in saluting the Flint Generals. They are true champions.

HONORING THE WEST END MEMORIAL SCHOOL IN WOODBURY, NEW JERSEY

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2000

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, on May 24, at 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., at West End Memorial School in Woodbury, NJ, Col. Larry Engel,

vice-president of the Battleship NJ Foundation, will present a print of the Battleship to the Woodbury School District, certificates to the three elementary schools and decals to the 178 fifth grade students who raised \$1,000 toward the Battleship's Museum. They stitched over 1,400 needlepoint bookmarks and sold them for \$.50 each, several Easter baskets which sold for \$5 each and issued \$1 stock certificates to local businesses and civic organizations toward their Battleship NJ Peace Project. The students will present an assembly to the 4th and 5th grade students dedicated to those who have served our nation. Col. Engel will address the group about the NJ and Memorial Day. The students will present a check to Col. Engel for the Museum.

HONORING REV. DOCTOR WILLY UPSHAW

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2000

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, the year 2000 is significant for many reasons, not least of which is it being the 33rd anniversary of the Rev. Doctor Willie Upshaw's ministry at the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Yonkers, a church which has grown under his guidance and inspiration from 150 congregants to more than 2,500.

This incredible expansion of his ministry is based on his motto: "It's no secret what God can do." The high esteem and love given the Rev. Upshaw by his congregation is based on his devotion to his pastoral duties of visiting and praying with the sick and shut-ins, dedicating infants, bringing God to patients at nursing homes and to prisons, and helping those in the community who seek him out for his wisdom and counsel.

Under his pastorate eight deacons have been ordained and seven ministers licensed, of who two have been ordained. Under Pastor Upshaw the Youth Church Ministry has been organized, drawing large numbers of young people to membership through the Rites of Passage and Vows of Purity programs, movements made easier by the Pastor's great love for all youth.

Pastor Upshaw has also served in many other capacities: Executive Vice President of the Yonkers Council of Churches, President of the Ministerial Fellowship of Yonkers, member of the Central Hudson Baptist Association, and member of the Board of Directors of the Yonkers General Hospital among so many others.

Rev. Upshaw has contributed an almost infinite amount of goodness and decency into the community. I am proud to stand here today to congratulate him on 33 years of his pastorate and to wish him, and all of us, many more years.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF JEREMY L. HAAS ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2000

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional district. I am happy to announce that Jeremy L. Haas of Sandusky, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, Jeremy's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming cadet class of 2004. Attending one of our nations' military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education and demands the very best that these young men and women have to offer. Truly, it is one of the most challenging and rewarding undertakings of their lives.

Jeremy brings a great deal of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming class at the Air Force Academy. While attending Sandusky High School, Jeremy has performed very well in the classroom. Jeremy has attained a grade point average of 3.775, which places him eighteenth in his class of three hundred six students. Jeremy is a member of the National Honor Society. In addition, Jeremy has received Scholar Athlete Awards in Football and Track in each year of his high school career.

On the fields of competition, Jeremy has distinguished himself as a fine student-athlete. He is a member of the Varsity Football team and has participated in the summer running and weightlifting programs. Jeremy is also a member of the Varsity Track team. In addition, Jeremy has been involved with the International Club and the Sandusky High School band. He has also served as a volunteer at the Sandusky Community Police Station.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask my colleagues to stand and join me in paying special tribute to Jeremy L. Haas. Our service academies offer the finest education and military training available anywhere in the world. I am sure that Jeremy will do very well at the Air Force Academy and I wish him the very best in all of his future endeavors.

POEM BY SOL AXELROD

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2000

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I share a poem written by my constituent Mr. Sol Axelrod of Commack, New York. The Merchant Marines have served as the sixth Armed Force of our country. Mr. Axelrod beautifully describes our ocean-going Patriots who have laid down their lives for freedom. As Memorial Day approaches, I thought his words were particularly moving.

Forever at Rest

Yes, I recall that fateful day